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KATAGIRI HIGH SPORTS FESTIVAL

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ZAWA (MURMUR)

Ahem... We've been blessed with clear skies today.

We couldn't have asked for better sports festival weather.

This marks the first sports festival for our new students and the last for our third-years.

I want you all to compete fairly and have a great time.

TON

TON (TMP)

THANK YOU, PRINCIPAL.

KA

KA (TAK)

AND NOW FOR THE ATHLETES' PLEDGE.

TON

EAST

THEEE PLEDGE ...

DOYOOON (GLIM)

WE, THE STUDENT BODY OF KATAGIRI...

URK...

HISO

The president's dead white.

HISO (WHISPER)

HISO

Yeah, even though his hair's red...

Check out that crazy contrast.

PRESIDENT SENGOKU CAME TO SCHOOL...

PHEW...

CHOI

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CHOI (POKE)

ちょい

GOOD THING IT'S COOL OUT TODAY, HUH?

KOSO (WHISPER)

LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE WEARING LONG SLEEVES.

CHIRA (GLANCE)

OH, YEAH.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

Y'KNOW, SENGOKU SAID, "MIYAMURA-KUN'S FIRED UP ABOUT THIS! THAT TRAITOR!"

GYO (JOLT)

HUH!?

TRAITOR ...!?

WELL, I DIDN'T REALLY SEE THE POINT IN WORKING HARD AT THIS KIND OF THING BEFORE.

TO BE HONEST, I THINK THIS STUFF IS BORING.

BUT ...

...I HAVE TO BEAT YOU, HORI-SAN.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS YEAR DIFFERENT.

And now, let the Katagiri Sports Festival...

...begin!!

WAAAA (CHEER)

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勝利
VICTORY
TO EAST!
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WAAA (CHEER)

IT WAS AMAZING.

BROADCAST

You heard him!! Good job out there...

...SECOND-YEARS!!

The second-year girls' hurdles had me on the edge of my seat! What did you think, Nakamine-sensei?

Okay, right off the bat, East and West are neck and neck!

EAST

SENGOKU, DO THE POLE-TOPPLING EVENT!! WE'RE SHORT ON PEOPLE FOR THAT ONE.

GYAI (YELL)

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WE HAVEN'T PICKED OUT THE PAIRS YET!

GYAI

SENGOKU-SAN, LET'S DO THE THREE-LEGGED RACE TOGETH-ER!!

GYAI

HORI, SENGOKU, IURA, YOSHIKAWA

WEST

YEP! WE HAVE TO GIVE IT ALL WE'VE GOT!

HOWAAAN (MELLOW)

SO THE THIRD-YEARS ARE RUNNING NEXT?

MIYAMURA, ISHIKAWA, KOUNO, AYASAKI, YANAGI

DO YOUR BEST, HORI!

OKAY, I'M OFF.

LEAVE IT TO ME!

Next up, it's third-year girls' hurdles!!

Participating students, please assemble at the center of the field.

ZUUUN (GLOOM)

I WANT TO BECOME A SHELL ...

OH.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE REALLY FAST.

AH HA HA!

NO WAY. NOT AT ALL.

OH ...!

SO...WE'RE RACING EACH OTHER, HUH, HORI-SAN?

GYO (SHOCK)

YEAH, GO FOR IT!!

C'MON, WESTIE!

YOU GOT THIS !!

HORI-SAN PROBABLY RUNS LIKE AN AMAZON. I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ...

I BET SHE CAN TOTALLY RUN LIKE THE WIND!

OOPSY, I CAN'T JUMP THE HURDLES!

I'M UP AGAINST AYASAKI-SAN, HUH? I BET SHE'S A SLOW, CUTESY RUNNER.

I'LL MOW DOWN ANY-ONE...

...WHO GETS IN MY WAY.

READY...

PAN (BLAM)

JIII (STARE)

WEST IS BEST!!

!

PIIIN (BINK)

PIPI (FWEET)

ON YOUR MARKS!

ZA (ZSH)

REMI'S GOING TO WORK HARD FOR MIYAMURA-KUN.

I TOLD YOU, HE'S NOT CHEERING FOR YOU...

H-HE'S CHEERING FOR TEAM WEST, AYASAKI-SAN, NOT YOU.

NEXT RUNNERS, STEP UP!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, HORI-SAAAN!? MIYAMURA-KUN'S CHEERING FOR REMI!

IF REMI WINS, MIYAMURA-KUN IS REMI'S!

...OKAY, KYON-KYON!?

WAIT A—!

PAN (BLAM)

READY, SET...

KYO—

HUNH!?

BYUN (ZOOM)

GA (CLUNK)

Team West's Ayasaki-san is in the lead!

WHOOO-OOOA!

HYOI (LEAP)

A- AYASAKI'S FAST!!

DO WE HAVE A DARK HORSE HERE!?

DOGASHAAA (CLATTER)

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DAAAH!

AND, UH, SHE JUST BOOTED THAT THING.

SHU (SHF)

SHU

SHU

THAT WAS REALLY LOUD JUST NOW.

Whoops, she just lost some time there!! And I bet that hurt!

OOOH.

WOW...

BAN (BAM)

TA

TA

TA

TA (TMP)

DAMMIT!!

IT'S AYASAKI-SAN'S FAULT FOR SAYING WEIRD STUFF!

EAST

I KNOW THAT!!

GIN (GLARE)

GRRRRR!

Team East seems to be lagging a little!!

YOU CAN DO IIIT!

.....

YEAH... SHE'S FROM OUR CLASS.

HER BOYFRIEND

THAT LAST TEAM EAST GIRL'S GOT A SCARY AURA.

Second, Team West!!

HFF!

HFF!

I'M DEAD LAST.

In first place!

TAN (TMP)

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WAAAAAA (CHEER)

Ayasaki-san from Team West!

AND AFTER I TOLD MIYAMURA NOT TO HOLD BACK AND EVERYTHING ...

I'M SO LAME...

SUKU (STAND)

HUH?

YOU CAN DO IT, HORI-SAN!!!

KAAAAA (BLUSH)

あああああ

YOU MORON —!!!

...URK.

Where did East find that speed!? She's running like a bat outta hell all of a sudden!!

BYUN (ZOOM)

DA (DASH)

HORI'S TOUGH!!

WHAT THE HECK!? SHE'S FAST!!!

GYO (JOLT)

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HEY, EAST!! EVEN IF YOU'RE LAST, RUN LIKE YOU MEAN I—

QUIT CHEER-ING FOR THE ENEMY!

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SUTON (FWUMP)

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CHON (TOINK)

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...DO NOT CALL ME KYON-KYON.

4

KYON-KYON.

GRR...

IT WAS OBVIOUSLY A JOKE.

YOU'RE SO CUTE, HORI-SAN, GETTING ALL WORKED UP OVER A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT.

KIDDING! REMI HAS SENGOKU-KUN.

WHA —!?

WHY, YOU LITTLE ...

HAAAAAA (SIGH)

はあ

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND MIYAMURA-KUN ARE ALL LOVEY-DOVEY, SO REMI WON'T BE ABLE TO SNATCH HIM AWAY.

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BURU (TREMBLE)

BURU

ブル

THANKS.

IT'S FINE. REMI'S HEADING BACK NOW ANYWAY.

REMI'LL RETURN THESE ON THE WAY.

OH. WERE YOU GUYS TALKING?

NIYA (SMIRK) NIYA

HO-HORI-SAN!

THERE YOU ARE.

LISTEN, YOU!!

NOW, NOW.

EXCEPT I WAS LAST.

PUI (SNUB)

NICE JOB ON THE HURDLES.

...IS YOUR LEG OKAY?

HUH!? GAN (SHOCK)

RRRRGH! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!

GAAA (ROAR)

WHY'D YOU STALL BACK THERE?

YOU DID SO WELL DURING PRACTICE TOO.

PIKU (TWITCH)

O-OKAY ...

THE NEXT EVENT'S STARTING, SO I'M GOING BACK!! YOU SHOULD HURRY BACK TOO!!

THAT'S SO NOT FAIR!!

KURU (FWIP)

ALSO!

TH-THEN WHY DID YOU SPEED UP NEAR THE END?

THAT WAS YOUR FAULT TOO!!

HUH!?

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...THE CHEERING.

THANKS.

IT MADE ME HAPPY.

UUU...

SO I DIDN'T JUST MAKE HER MAD. WHEW...

WELCOME BACK!

...UH-HUH.

ぽたたた PATA TA TA (PAD)

YOU'RE BACK, HUH?

MIYAMURA, CHECK THAT OUT.

I WONDER IF SHE CAN HANDLE TUG-OF-WAR...

SO SAWADA-SAN'S ON TEAM WEST TOO.

HMPH! HMPH! HMPH!

SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'LL GET PULLED DOWN IN ONE GO.

のっし NOSSHI (TROMP)

のっし NOSSHI

HORI, ON THE WAY BACK TO HER TEAM

BUN

BUN (WAVE)

BUN

HOOORIII-SENPAAAI!!

BIKU (FLINCH)

I'LL DO MY VERY BEST, SO WATCH ME, OKAYYY!!?

HORI-SENPAAAAAI!!

SAWADA-SAN'S ON THE ENEMY TEAM, RIGHT?

I THINK SO...

GO FOR IT, SAWADA-SAN!

GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT, SAWADA-AAAAA!

CHIRA (PEEK)

PUI (SNUB)

UH, YEOWCH.

TE (TMP)
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—!
HUH?
WHAT?
HUNH?
NI (GRIN)
—!
YOU DO TOO, RIGHT, MIYAMURA?
NAH, EVERYONE LIKES HAVING PEOPLE ROOTING FOR THEM.
I FIGURED MAYBE MY CHEERING WAS TOO LOUD...
...OR BEEN CHEERED ON MYSELF BEFORE... NOT AT A SPORTS FESTIVAL ANYWAY.
PICK UP THE ROPE!
PIPI!! (FWEET)
... NEVER REALLY CHEERED FOR ANYONE ...
I'VE ...

TH-THAT JUST SORTA HAPPENED.

SORRY ...

URGH.

WELL, I WISH YOU'D CHEER FOR YOUR OWN TEAM INSTEAD OF THE OTHER GUYS THOUGH.

CHEER FOR ME SO LOUD I CAN'T HEAR THE OTHER TEAM, YEAH?

ANYWAY, I'M UP FOR THE OBSTACLE COURSE NEXT!

.....OKAY.

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WAAAAA (CHEER)

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ER...DON'T SWEAT IT. YOU DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE WITH ALL THOSE JOCKS ON THE TEAM EAST SIDE.

HORI-SENPAI... I LOST...

PURU (TREMBLE)

PURU

ZULILILIN (GLUM)

UH, IF HORI HAD SEEN YOU "LOOK COOL OUT THERE," HER TEAM WOULDA LOST.

AND THIS IS THE TEAM EAST CAMP, Y'KNOW...

WAAAAAH!

BUT I WANTED YOU TO SEE ME LOOK COOL OUT THEEERE!

GYUUUU (HUG)

OH!

THE GUYS' OBSTACLE COURSE IS STARTING.

READY, SET...

PAN (BLAM)

WAAAA (CHEER)

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SHUU, HUH?

NEXT PAIR, YOU'RE UP!

HEY, ISHI-KAWA.

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O-OKAY!

GO, TEAM WEST!

ISHI-KAWA-KUN'S NEXT. LET'S CHEER AS LOUD AS WE CAN!

FIGHT!

WEST

ISHIKA— Y-YOU CAN DO IT!

ほんわ HONWAAAN (MELLOW) ——ん

GO FOR IT, GUYS!

EAST

ARE WE CLEAR!?

GUWA (ROAR)

...

IURAAA!! YOU'D BETTER WIN THIS!!

YOU COME IN FIRST, YA HEAR!? FIRST!!

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HE SAYS HE'S ONLY DOING THE MAN-DATORY STUFF.

WHERE'S SEN-GOKU?

DO YOUR BEST!

ほぉーん HOWAAAN

I WISH I WAS ON TEAM WEST. IF I LOSE, I'M DEAD.

SCARY...

HEY!!

YOU GOT THAT, IURA, HUNH!?

GO (THOOM) ゴ"ゴ" GO GO ゴ"ゴ" GO GO ゴ"

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WAAAAA (CHEER)

HU...P!

TON (TMP)

READY, SET...

PAN (BLAM)

TATAN (TATMP)

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The boys' obstacle course is a go!! The first obstacle is the balance beam, and...

...Teams East and West are tied!!

OOOO (ROAR)

おおおお!!

Neither team's giving up the lead!!

GO, WEST!

わあああ WAAAA

ISHI—!

ISHI-KAWA-KUN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!?

ISHIKAWA-KUN, YOU CAN DO IT!

I—

ON THREE, OKAY?

AGAIN! ONE, TWO, THREE...

HUH!!?

ぎょっ GYO (JOLT)

GO FOR IT, ISHI-KAWA-KUN!!!

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GOOO ...
...ISHI-KAWAAA!
GOOO, ISHIKAWAAA!!!
LUCKY YOU, ISHIKAWA. THE GIRLS'RE CHEERING YOU ON.
NO, THERE'S ONE HIGH-PITCHED GUY IN THERE.
WOULD YA LISTEN TO THAT? HE CAN ACTUALLY YELL NOW.
All right, who's gonna win this!?
わあああ
WAAAAA (CHEER)

HORIMIYA

ズ!!

"WELL, THAT'S PRETTY GOOD FOR SOMEONE LIKE IURA, I GUESS."

"HE TIED!?

ZUN (THOOM)

GETTING READY.

THE THIRD-YEAR CHEER BATTLE'S NEXT.

WHERE'S YOSHI-KAWA-SAN AND EVERY-ONE?

SUTON (SIT)

DID SENGOKU-SAN SWITCH JOBS AND BECOME A FEUDAL LORD OR SOMETHING?

UH, THANKS...

WELL DONE ON THE OBSTACLE COURSE.

KIRI (GLINT)

YOU HAVE MY COMPLI-MENTS AS WELL.

—SAYS YOSHI-KAWA-SAN.

All right, guys! Here it comes! The cheer battle!!

First up— The third-year girls, starting with Team East!!

ZA (CRUNCH)

COME ON!!

EVERYONE!!

SAY!!

DODON (BABAM)

SHUBI (FWISH)

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A!

BA (WHAP)

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ZA (ZSH)

ZA

FIIIGHT ON!

TEAM EAST!!!

BAAAN (BAAAM)

WAAAAA

...THAT'S NOT HOW I DEFINE "CHEER-LEADING."

YEAH, ME NEITHER.

ZUULUN (DOOM)

THAT WAS GREAT !!

KYAAAH! OUR SENPAI ARE SO COOL!!

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WAAAAAA (CHEER)

OH. HE'S GOT A THOU-SAND-YARD STARE.

FIGURES.

CHIRA (PEEK) チラ…

I WONDER HOW HER BOYFRIEND FEELS WATCHING THIS...

READY? OKAY?

SHUBI (FWISH)

DON'T LET 'EM SCARE YOU, TEAM WEST!!

BIKU (FLINCH)

ヒヨッ

OKAY!!

BACHIN (WINK)

パチン

GO FOR THE WIN!

LET'S GOOO! TEAM WEST! ♡

GO, GO, WEST!

HIRA (FLUTTER)

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HIRA

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KIRA (SPARKLE)

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WIN, WIN, WEST!!

KIRA

キラ

SO TEAM EAST WAS A HIT WITH THE GIRLS, AND TEAM WEST IS A HIT WITH THE GUYS...

REMI'S NOT TOO CUTE, IS SHE!?

UOOOOO (HOLLER)

HARA

HARA

HARA (STRESS)

ARE YOU LISTENING, SENGOKU-SAN?

RIGHT, RIGHT, LEFT...

STRAIGHT UP!

BA (WHAP)

THEN PUNCH UP TO THE LEFT!!

...TEAM WEST!!!

ZA (POSE)

FIIIGHT ON...

...I DID IT.

POSO (MURMUR)

HFF!

HFF!

WAAAAA (CHEER)

CUTE!

GREAT JOB, THIRD-YEAR CHEER-LEADERS!

PHEEEW!

OH MAN, THAT WAS HOT!

KYA! (SQUEAL)

KYA!

SORORI (SNEAK)

TEAM WEST'S ROUTINE WAS CUTE, WASN'T IT!?

GOOD JOB!

YOU WERE GREAT, HORI-SAN!

THANKS!

...THANK YOU.

R-REALLY?

KOUNO-SAN! THAT WAS SUPER! TEAM WEST LOOKED FANTASTIC!

YOSHI-KAWA-SAN.

...BUT I NEVER REALLY SAID THANKS.

YOU HELPED ME PRACTICE ...

I-I KNOW I'M LATE WITH IT, BUT...

HUH?

NO, NOT REALLY.

AW, IT'S FINE!

THAT'S REAL DECENT OF YOU, KOUNO-SAN!

I WONDER...

...IF ISHIKAWA-KUN CAUGHT A LITTLE OF IT TOO.

YEAH, BUT... I WAS STILL HOPING TO SEE HER...IN A CHEERLEADER OUTFIT...

BURU (TREMBLE)

HORI-SAAAN...

BURU

COM-FORTING A FRIEND

TEAM WEST WAS REALLY CUTE.

YOU KNEW THEY WERE GONNA DO THAT.

ZUUUN (GLUM)

WEST

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PUT SOME OVER HERE TOO.

IS THIS OKAY?

Par-ticipating students should...

The last event of the morning half is the scavenger hunt.

GO ON AHEAD! I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I CHANGE.

YEAH!

LET'S GO, YUKI. IT'S TIME FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT.

ME...?

HUH?

KYOTON (BLANK)

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YOU AREN'T IN MANY SOLO EVENTS, RIGHT, MIYAMURA-KUN?

YES.

...BUT...

COULD YOU SUB FOR HIM?

THAT'S RIGHT. ONE OF OUR BOYS IS OUT WITH A COLD.

PAN (CLAP)

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...YOU...

...YOU'RE SURE IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO DO THIS?

?

WELL, YES, OF COURSE. I MEAN, I'M ASKING YOU TO.

ERM ...

UH, ALL RIGHT... I'LL GO JOIN THEM, THEN.

THANKS! DO YOUR BEST.

.....

"I HEAR MIYAMURA GOT THIRD PLACE."

"PFF! TALK ABOUT AVE-RAGE!"

"...EVERY-ONE LIKES HAVING PEOPLE ROOTING FOR THEM."

"DO YOUR BEST."

"IT MADE ME HAPPY."

PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT SPORTS SHOULD JUST... DO ALL OF THIS STUFF.

...YOU KNOW...

...I DIDN'T THINK THE SPORTS FESTIVAL ...

...WOULD BE HALF THIS MUCH...

READY, SET...

PAN (BLAM)

The scattered envelopes go to whoever gets 'em first!

Find what's written on the paper inside and head for the goal!!

WAAAAA (CHEER)

All right! It's time for the only coed race!!

GYAAAA (YELL)

WAAAAA

GIRL WITH A PONY-TAIL! I NEED YOU!!

GLASSES!! SOMEBODY WITH GLASSES!!!

C'MERE PLEASE!!

HA (GASP)

KASA (RUSTLE)

GO, YOSHIKAWAAA!

PASHI (SMACK)

TOO HOTTT...

DOYOOON (DROOP)

KIRA

YASUDA-SENSEIII!

KIRA (SPARKLE)

KIRA

TE (TMP)

TE

TE

NAH, THAT'LL BE TOO LATE.

WE CAN GO GET SOME BEERS TONIGHT AFTER ALL THIS!

YASUDA-SENSEI, DON'T COLLAPSE ON US!

I WANNA GO DRINK BEER SOME-WHERE WITH A.C.

IT WASN'T HOT THIS MORNING...

SENSEIIIII!

HUH?
SURE ...
THERE YOU ARE!
C'MON, HURRY UP! LET'S GO!
GUI (TUG)
!?
TA (TMP)
TA
DO YOU HAVE HEATSTROKE, YASUDA-SENSEI!?
SHE'S JUST CALLING YOU!!
カッ!
YOSHI-KAWA'S CALLING MY NAME!? IS IT LOVE!?
GATAN (CLATTER)
SHADY PERSON
THAT'S GREAT. WANNA GO GET HITCHED WHILE WE'RE AT IT, YOSHIKAWA ...?
IF WE KEEP UP THIS PACE, WE'LL BE THE FIRST TO THE GOAL!!
HUH?
RUUUN!
HUH!?
THE... YOUNGEST TEACHER.
OH YEAH ...?
GUSHA (CRUSH)
BY THE WAY, YOSHIKAWA, WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FOR?

TA (TMP)

TA

TA

READY, SET...

PAN (BLAM)

TON (TAK)

That's a point for East!!

DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS!!

DON (SHOVE)

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OW!

YUKI GOT THERE FIRST, HUH?

SU (SWF)

I'LL TAKE THE TOP SPOT IN MY ROUND TOO...!

BA (WHIP)

NO, I'M SOR—

HUH?

I'M SORRY! I'LL TAKE ANOTHER ONE.

TON (TAP)

Let's see! What will they be looking for?

OH!

HORI-SAN!

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT WE'D END UP IN THE SAME HEAT?

WE WERE SHORT A GUY, SO I GOT ASKED OUT OF THE BLUE TO TAKE OVER.

GYO (SHOCK)

MIYA-MURA!?

WHY ARE YOU IN THIS!?

AH!

OH CRAP! WE'RE FALLING BEHIND!!

FIRST-YEAR CLEANUP COMMITTEE MEMBER!

TA (TMP) TA TA

HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!? GET A MOVE ON ALREADY!!

SHUT UP!!

KUWA (GROWL)

HYUUU (WHISTLE)

HYUUU

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THE GUY WHO WAS CHEERING FOR THE OTHER TEAM, YOU MEAN?

HEY, IT'S THE "YOU CAN DO IT" COUPLE FROM BEFORE.

I HEAR THEY'RE GOING OUT.

BA

BA (WHAP)

OH.

GO FOR IT, KYOU-CHAN!

MIYAMURA!! RUUUUN!!

IT LOOKS LIKE BOTH HE AND HORI-SAN WERE STARTLED.

GEEZ, MIYAMURA-KUN! WHAT IS HE DOING!?

WATA (PANIC)

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わたー

WATA

LOOKS LIKE TEAM WEST IS FIRST!!

.....

WEST

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.

TEAM EAST

...WHY ARE YOU HERE, SENGOKU?

KYUPIIIN (FWIP)

Y-YOU'RE SO CHILL ABOUT IT...!!

YOU'RE THE WORST!

SO I RAN OVER HERE!!

THEY ALMOST PUT ME IN TO EVEN OUT THE HEAD COUNT.

OH.
THEY'RE LOOKING OVER HERE.
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND...
KYORO
キョロ
KYORO (LOOK)
キョロ
NEVER MIND THAT! LET'S CHEER!
HUH? THEY'RE... COMING THIS WAY?
GASHI (GRAB)

GAN (SHOCK)

Wh-what's this?

Teams East and West need to find the same thing!?

GU (TUG)

GU

WAAAIT!!!

HUH!? WHAT!!?

!?

GU

GU

GU

THAT CAN HAP-PEN!!?

DON'T CHEER FOR ME!!

SENGOKU-KUN, YOU CAN DO IT!

Y-YOU CAN DO IT!

ZURI

ZURI (DRAG)

RIGHT NOW, IT'S MINE TOO!

HEY, MIYAMURA! THIS IS MY SCAV-ENGER ITEM!

WAIT! YOU'LL DISLOCATE MY SHOUL-DERS!!

GU

GU

GU

GU

HA (GASP)
はっ
OH RIGHT!
KUWA (ROAR)
SENGOKU!! YOU'RE ON MY TEAM, SO COME WITH ME!!
Y-YOU DEMON ...!!
YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO SAY NO!!
IF THEY'RE ALREADY LOOKING AT YOU, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY LOOK AT YOU MORE, DOES IT!?
GUI (YANK)
GUI
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
NO WAY!! YOU'RE TELLING ME TO RUN AROUND THE FIELD WHEN EVERYONE'S LOOKING AT ME!?
THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
HUH? THE LAST KIDS IN THE SCAVENGER HUNT HAVEN'T MADE IT TO THE GOAL?
ギャー GYAAA
ギャー GYAAA (YELL)
MADE IT BACK →
KATAN (CLATTER)
SIX MINUTES LATER
HUH? WE'RE LAST?
I MEAN, GEEZ! WE'RE GONNA BE LAST ANYWAY, SO JUST MOVE YOUR BUTT ALREADY!!
GAAAH!

Our final two runners have just crossed the finish line...

...at the same time!!

WAAAA (CHEER)

HE'S RIGHT...

AREN'T THEY BOTH IN YOUR CLASS, TERAJIMA-SENSEI?

GYAAA (YELL)

GYAAA

That's it for the morning portion.

All students, please...

SO...

LAST ONES! GOOD WORK!

DON'T MENTION ME...

GREAT JOB, MIYA-MURA!

They seem to have "found" the student council presi-dent.

OH! ISHIKAWA-KUN!

OH...

DID THEY REALLY SAY THE SAME THING?

...WHAT DID YOUR SLIPS HAVE ON THEM?

SKINNY BOY

KASA (RUSTLE)
カサ…

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDEN

KYOU-CHAN, YOURS IS FINE.

MIYA-MURA-KUN!!

KUWA (ROAR)
くわっ

BIKU (FLINCH)
ビクッ

YOU HAD A TON OF OTHER OPTIONS ...!!

WELL, I... I WANTED TO GET THE SKINNIEST GUY I COULD FI—

GYAAA

...GO AHEAD AND EAT YOUR LUNCH...

GYAAA

HORIMIYA

EAST
WEST
WHOA.
THAT'S AN INTER-ESTING TAKE ON "TRUE."
EITHER WOULD BE FINE.
TRUE. WEST HAS AYASAKI, THE THIRD-YEAR IDOL, BUT EAST HAS THE SLENDER HORI...
HM.
I'LL BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHO WINS.
THEY'RE PRETTY CLOSE.
SORRY.
UGH, HONESTLY! YASUDA-SENSEI, I'M GOING TO PUT OUT YOUR EYES.
NAH, I WAS JUST THINKING THAT CHEER BATTLE BEFORE LUNCH WAS REALLY SOMETHING.

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ON TOP, DUH!

ON TOP, OF COURSE!

Start getting ready, guys.

ZUUUN (DOOM)

The third-year boys' cavalry battle is about to get under-way.

IF YOU GUYS WERE ON THE BOTTOM, YOU'D BREAK.

KUU (GRIMACE)

WEIGHT, HUH? IT'S MY WEIGHT, ISN'T IT?

IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA FALL, SPEAK UP ASAP.

GYU

GYU (CINCH)

OKAY! TIE IT ON! TIE IT ON!

ZAWA (MURMUR)

ZAWA

WE'RE NOT BRANCHES!

GYUU (CLENCH)

NONE OF THE TOP GUYS LOOK LIKE THEY'VE GOT MUCH FIGHT IN THEM...

YANAGI-KUN'S ON TOP TOO, HUH?

OKAY, WE'RE SETTING YOU DOWN FOR NOW.

THANKS.

HEY, NOT BAD!

OOH...

WHOA.

HIP, HIP ...!

"HIP, HIP"?

HIP, HIP ...!

"HIP, HIP"?

SURE, WHAT-EVER...

KIRA (SPARKLE) キラ

KIRA キラ

SENGOKU-SAN, SINCE WE'RE DOING THIS, LET'S WIN BIG!

GU (CLENCH) グ

DIFFER-ENCE IN TEMPER-ATURE

GOT IT.

KOKUN (NOD) コクン

RIGHT. OUR FIRST TARGET IS SENGOKU.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY "HURRAH," SENGOKU-KUN!!

OHHH...

WAH!

GUN (RISE)

AND...

GU (PUSH)

...UP YOU GO!!

FOR REAL!?

FINALLY!?

I MIGHT BE GETTING INTO THIS A LITTLE.

WOWWW...

WHOA...

OOOH, THAT'S HIGH...

HEH... AHH, MY PEOPLE...

THE VIEW FROM THE TOP IS A GOOD ONE.

SENGOKU-SAN, YOU'RE TURNING INTO SOME KIND OF SHOGUN.

Y-YEAH!

C'MON, WE GOTTA DO OUR BEST TOO.

HUP!

...SENGOKU KINDA LOOKS LIKE HE'S FEELING IT NOW.

KIRA (SPARKLE) キラ

KIRA キラ

KIRA キラ

THE PRESI-DENT'S ON TOP TOO, HUH?

GO, GO, GOOO!

SENGOKU! YOU'D BETTER GET AT LEAST ONNNE!!

HORI'S CHEERING FOR SENGOKU, HUH?

DUH. THEY'RE ON THE SAME TEAM.

WAA わぁ

WAA (YELL) わぁ

BIKU (FLINCH) ビク

BUT DOESN'T THAT...

...KINDA TICK YOU OFF?

IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T WE...?

KOSO (WHISPER)

—IN...

UH-HUH... OKAY...

OH.

OOH! OOH! WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE WE TAKING THE PREZ DOWN?

BUT SENGOKU'S SMART, SO IT WON'T BE THAT EASY.

YEAH. LOOKS DANGEROUS.

BOTH MIYAMURA-KUN AND SENGOKU-KUN ARE UP TOP. THOUGHT SO.

ZAWA (MURMUR) ざわ

ZAWA ざわ

DETAIL-ORIENTED GIRLS

YOU'RE RIGHT. CAVALRY BATTLES ARE TOUGH.

WELL, THEY'RE ALL DOING THEIR BEST, BUT A LOT DEPENDS ON HOW HARD THE TOP GUY WORKS.

?

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CHEER FOR THE PERSON ON TOP OR...?

HOWAAAN (MELLOW) ほわ——ん

MIYAMURA-KUUUN! DO YOUR BEST!

YOU CAN DO IT!

MIYAMURA-KUUUN!

KAAA (BLUSH)

IT'S AYASAKI-SAN!

I'M HERE TOO, YA KNOW.

WHY JUST MIYA-MURA?

GO FOR IT!

OF COURSE SHE IS. WE'RE ON DIF-FERENT TEAMS.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, IURA-KUN?

SORRY, NEVER MIND...

THERE'S THAT TEMPER-ATURE DIFFER-ENCE AGAIN.

DO YOUR BEST!

SEN-GOKU-SAN!

AYASAKI-SAN'S ONLY CHEERING FOR MIYAMURA. DOESN'T THAT BURN YOU UP!?

All right! Teams, form your cavalry and take your places.

Ready, set...

Which side will get to proclaim victory!?

WAAAAAA (YELL)

PAN (BLAM)

わあああ

WHOA!

CHIRI (NICK)

SHU (VWIP)

TAKE THAT!

ウッ

東

CIRCLE AROUND!

じ… JIII (STARE)

HIT 'EM WITH A PINCER ATTACK!!!

AAAAAUGH!

わあああ

BOYAAA (BLUR) ぼや

WAAAA

あぁ…

THEY'RE CRUSHING EACH OTHER OVER THERE.

WAA

SCARY!!

HEY, YANAGI! OPEN YOUR EYES, DUDE!!

YES, BUT... I FORGOT MY GLASSES ...

WAA

WAAAA

ZA (STEP)

SHU

WAIT! TAKE THAT!

HUH? OVER HERE?

A TEAM WEST GUY IS ATTACKING ON INSTINCT!!

BA (WHAP)

THIS POINT'S MINE!

PRESIDENT ...

SUKA (SWISH)
すかっ
SUKA
すかっ
...TEAM WEST EVADES LIKE THE WIND ......!!
HFF!
HFF...
GUI (YANK)
UH, NO, ANYBODY COULD'VE DODGED THAT...
MIYA-MURA, WE'RE RUSHING 'EM!
Y-YEAH!
TSUI (SWAY)
GUO (FWOOM)
GASHII (GRAB)
WHOA!?

SHUBA (ZWIP)
BA
WHY'S SENGOKU RARING TO GO ALL OF A SUDDEN?
GICHI ぎちち CHI
I THINK HE FOUND HIS INNER SHOGUN.
HUH... THAT MAKES ZERO SENSE.
GOSSIPING
GICHI (STRAIN) ぎちち CHI
NRRRGH!
東 CHI ちち CHI CHI ちち
HEY, ISHIKAWA.
'SUP, SHUU?
YOU CAN DO IT!
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AWAY FOR!?
YEAH, SERI-OUSLY!
IRA (ANGRY)
IRA
'SOKAY... YOU DID GOOD FOR HAVING YOUR EYES CLOSED.
THEY TOOK MY HEADBAND.
OH. YANAGI-KUN LOST, HUH?
IF YOU'RE OUT, GET BACK BEHIND THE WHITE LINE.

YEAH! WHAT SHE SAID!

GET A MOVE ON, SENGOKU!!

DO (BADUM)

DO

DO

AGH!

BA (WHAP)

HUP!

KUWAAA (ROAR)

JUST TAKE HIS WHOLE HEAD OFF!!!

YEA—

MIYA-MURA WOULD DIE!!

GYO (SHOCK)

EVEN THOUGH HE SUCKS ON THE ATTACK.

HNN...THE PRESIDENT'S REALLY GOOD AT DODGING.

URGH...

HFF! HFF!

MIYAMURA.

YOU OKAY?

ISHI-KAWA-KUN...

OH, RIGHT. IT'S MORE TIRING TO BE ON THE BOTTOM OF THESE THINGS.

CAN YOU GET IT IN ONE GO?

I'M PRETTY CLOSE TO MY LIMIT HERE.

WHAT'S UP, ISHI-KAWA?

MY NOSE IS ITCHING LIKE CRAZY.

FOR REAL? MINE TOO.

JIRI (INCH)

JIRI

IF THIS KEEPS UP, IT'S GONNA BE DOWN TO WHO WEARS OUT FIRST...

I'LL HAVE TO USE A TRICK...

...THAT THE PRESI-DENT'LL FALL FOR.

KA (GLARE)

JI
(STARE)

;;

SU
(RAISE)

...PRESI-
DENT...

...FOR
A WHILE
NOW...

DOKUN
(BADUM)

DOKUN

TSUI
(POINT)

WH—

WHAT?

HYUOOOOO
(WHOOSH)

...YOU'VE HAD A LITTLE GIRL ON YOUR SHOUL-DER.

WHAT IS SHE?

DO (BADUM)

!?

BA (WHIP)

WHAAAT!?

しゅる！
SHURU! (SHWIP)
AH...
It's Team West!

Team West has defeated the last Team East group!!!

OOOO (ROAR)

おおおお

WAAAAA (CHEER)

あああ

...SENGOKU TOTALLY TURNED HIS BACK TO MIYAMURA ALL ON HIS OWN, DIDN'T HE?

YEP ...

AWESOME JOB, MIYAMURA!

ううう

YEESH...

WHOOO!

WELL...

...I GUESS IT'S OKAY.

HUH?

NO, IT'S NOT, HORI.

THE POINT GAP IS GONNA ...!

EAST

WEST

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REMI'S NOT UGLY!

HMPH!

YOU WERE IN AN UGLY MOOD ALL THROUGH THE CLOSING CEREMONY, YOU KNOW.

COME ON, REMI. LET'S MOVE THE CHAIRS.

WE WERE WINNING UP TILL NOON...

IT'S NICE THAT SENGOKU-KUN WON, ISN'T IT?

HRNN...

BUT...

...YOU PRACTICED YOUR CHEERING SO MUCH, SAKURA.

THAT ISN'T TRUE.

YOU WERE THE CUTEST ONE THERE, SAKU-RA.

YOU REALLY WERE THE CUTEST.

OKAY, OKAY.

I BET SHINDOU'LL MAKE FUN OF IT...

PATA (PAD) ぱたぱたぱたぱた…

KII (CREAK) キィ

YEAH, I THOUGHT IT HURT. MY SUNBURN'S ALREADY RED.

MIYAMURA?

WHAT'S UP? WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY?

HORI-SAN?

HUH?

DID...

...SOMETHING...

...HAP—!?

WHA—!?

WHY ARE YOU IN A CHEERLEADER OUTFIT!?

OH, THIS?

THE GIRLS ARE TAKING A GROUP PHOTO.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL'S OVER!!

HIRA (FLAP)

ひらっ

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I WORE A GAKURAN FOR THE ACTUAL CHEERING, SO I THOUGHT I COULD AT LEAST WEAR THIS FOR THE PHOTO. SO... I CHANGED.

BESIDES, I MADE POMPOMS AND EVERYTHING.

THE GAKURAN LOOKED REALLY GOOD ON YOU.

REALLY?

ISHIKAWA-KUN SAID SO TOO.

I'M SO GLAD I GOT SUNBURNED.

AH HA HA HA!

WELL! LOOKS LIKE WE WON THANKS TO ME, HUH!?

AND TODAY, SHE'S SHINING BRIGHTER THAN EVER.

SUNBURN.

...THIS CHEER-LEADER HAS ALWAYS, ALWAYS CHEERED ME ON.

...AND EVEN BEFORE THAT...

BEFORE THE SPORTS FESTI-VAL...

YOU'RE RED.

AM I CUTE?

...AWW, JUST KIDDING.

I WAS COPYING AYASAKI-SAN...

YOU'RE CUTE.

YOU'RE INCREDIBLY CUTE.

...DUMMY!

DUMMY!
DUMMY!!
TA (TMP) タ
TA タ
TA タ
AH!

TODAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN...

THAT WAS FUN.

...MY VERY FIRST...AND VERY LAST SPORTS FESTIVAL.

OW...

HEH!

...THAT THOUGHT CROSSED MY MIND FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER.

ONCE IT WAS ALL OVER...

HORIMIYA

HAPPINESS

THE CURRENT HOT TOPIC
ASTROLOGY
DISCOVER YOUR COMPATIBILITY WITH THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

OOOH!

YAAAY!

I DO! I TOTALLY DO!!

OKAY, BRING IT!

WANNA DO THE ROMANCE ONE, YUKI?

KATAN (CLATTER)

I WAS CURIOUS, SO I BOUGHT IT.

THAT'S THE KIND THAT'S REALLY ACCURATE, ISN'T IT!?

THE FORTUNES.

PEOPLE I LIKE...

UMM...

"THINK OF THE NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU LIKE. FRIENDS, LOVERS... ANYTHING'S FINE."

HUH? WHA—!?

FOR REAL!!?

GYO (SHOCK)

THE SECOND ONE IS THE PERSON YOU REALLY LIKE.

FOUR.

HEY! OVER HERE.

HOW MANY HAVE YOU GOT NOW?

UMM...

SOOOO? WHO'D YOU THINK OF?

GIRLS LIKE THAT SORT OF THING, DON'T THEY?

WHAT'S THAT? SOME KINDA PSYCH TEST?

BUT LISTEN! YOU WERE NUMBER ONE, HORI.

I THOUGHT OF YOU FIRST.

OH YEAH!? YOU WERE JUST KIDDING, HUH...?

I'M ONLY PLAYIN' WITH YA.

KIDDING! JUST KIDDING!

YOU SCARED ME.

AH HA HA HA!

MY SECOND ONE WAS ISHIKAWA-KUN.

GAN (SHOCK)

EEP!

WHA—!? DID YOU HEAR THAT!? AWW, THAT'S SO SWEET! YOU'RE SUPER-CUTE!!

GURI

GURI (NUZZLE)

AWWW, GOSH...

HEY, HORI—!? I REALLY HOPE THAT WAS A JOKE, DUDE!!

GYUUUUUU (SQUEEZE)

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WHAT'S UP, MIZOUCHI?

NOTHIN'.

ZAWA (MURMUR)

ZAWA

BACHI (BAM)

FUI (FWIP)

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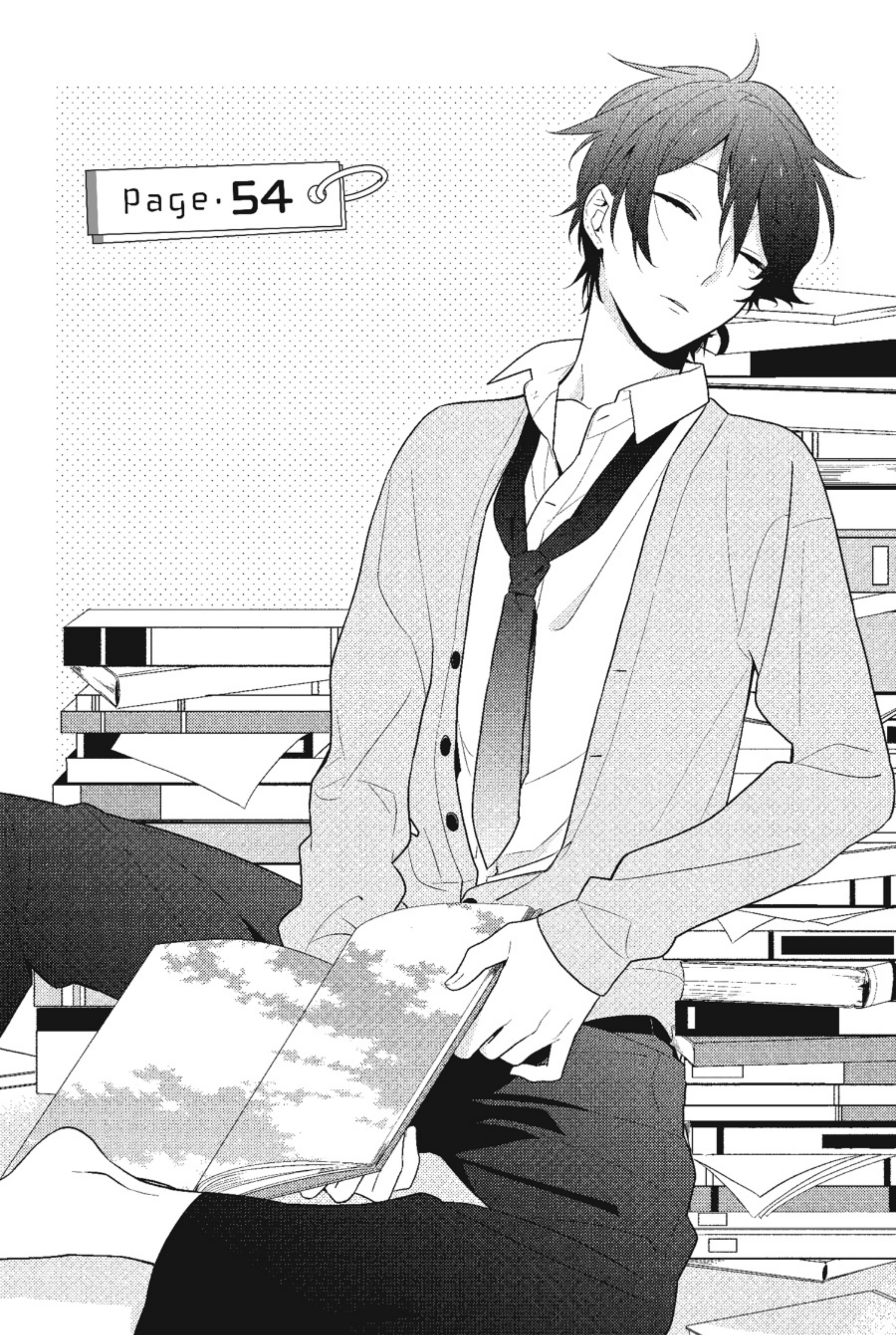

ENGLISH!? NO WAY, NO HOW!!

IT'S TOO HARD.

SO...

...I WENT TO KARAOKE WITH SHUU ON THE WAY HOME YESTERDAY.

PI (BIP)

OH.

GAKON

I'M PRETTY SURE HE LISTENS TO WESTERN MUSIC TOO, BUT...

HE LISTENS TO EVERYTHING, RIGHT?

SO HE SAYS HE ONLY SINGS ENKA AND RAP.

PI

GAKON (CLUNK)

IT'S PROBABLY 'COS I'M HERE.

TSUKA (STRIDE)

TSUKA

HE JUST BLEW ME OFF.

SU (SNUB)

MIZO-UCHI!

G'MOR—

...GEEZ, HOW POPULAR IS HORI ANYWAY?

PI (BIP)

I THINK HE HAS A CRUSH ON HORI-SAN.

DON'T FALL FOR HER UNLESS YOU REALLY, TRULY MEAN IT.

GO (THOOM)

GO

GO

GO

GO

BUT THERE'S ONE THING I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW—

GAKON (KACLUNK)

HUH! I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.

PUSHI (PSSHT)

REST IN PEACE, MIZOUCHI.

ZAWA

ZAWA (MURMUR)

WOW, THE HOT VERSIONS ARE OUT ALREADY?

YOU GOT IT! LEAVE IT TO ME!

SENGOKU-KUUUUN! REMI WANTS TO TRY ALL THE HOT BLACK TEAS!

SEN-GOKU'S DOING...

PETITION!!

THEY HAD GREEN TEA, AND BLACK TEA, AND CORN SOUP TOO.

YEAH.

THEY'VE GOT ALL SORTS OF 'EM THIS YEAR.

I'LL GO BUY ONE LATER.

THERE'S MORE TOO.

OOH.

WANT ME TO HOLD YOUR COCOA?

WHA—!? I'LL GO GET IT.

YOU THINK MAYBE WHEN WE CHANGED CLASS-ROOMS?

HUH?

MY PHONE'S GONE.

GOSO (DIG)

GOSO

WILL PROBABLY DRINK IT ALL

OH, THAT'D BE GREAT, THANK—

WATABE-KUN, I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT COULD YOU HOLD THIS FOR ME UNTIL I GET BACK? SORRY...

WHY, CERTAINLY, MIYAMURA-KUN! IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL! IT'S COCOA, ISN'T IT!!?

HEYYYY!

WILL ALSO PROBABLY DRINK IT ALL

ACTUALLY, ISHI-KAWA-KU...

BIOLOGY ROOM

GARARA (SLIDE)
ガラララ

MAYBE SOMEBODY TURNED IT IN...

AH.

KYORO
きょろ

KYORO (GLANCE)
きょろ

OKAY...

DID YOU LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND TOO, MIZOUCHI-KUN?

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A CELL PHONE IN HERE, HAVE YOU?

...NO.

...

GOSO
ゴソ

GOSO
ゴソ

IT HAS TO BE IN HERE SOME-WHERE.

AH HA HA HA...

W-WELL... BUT OUR CLASS WAS THE LAST ONE TO USE THIS ROOM, SO...

IRA (IRK) イラ

IRA イラ

IRA イラ

IRA イラ

LIKE IT WOULD EVER BE IN THERE!

HAAAH...

BU (BUZZ) ブ

BU ブ

BU ブ

BU ブ

BU ブ

SU (SHP) スッ

AGH!

I'M CALLING IT.

HUH?

WHAT'S THE NUM-BER?

UM, 090...

AH!

SURU (SLIP)

GASHAN (CLATTER)

...FOUND IT.

BU 7" BU 7" BU 7"

DON'T BREAK IT RIGHT AFTER YOU FOUND IT!!

THANKS! THAT WAS A HUGE HEL—

WAIT, HUH? THE SCREEN WENT BLACK.

???

HYOI (VWIP)

KUWA (ROAR)

IT WAS IN YOUR STUPID BUTT POCKET THE WHOLE TIME!!

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A GUY LIKE YOU ANYWAY ...?

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KYAH!
きゃっ
GO ON! SMACK ME!!
Y-YELL AT ME ONE MORE TIME!
KYAH!
きゃっ
H-HIT HER!?
HUH!? LIKE, IN A FIGHT?
WELL, YEAH... SORT OF LIKE THAT, I GUESS.
MIZOU-CHI-KUN, LISTEN. COULD YOU...
...H-HIT HORI-SAN?
WHA—!? GET VIOLENT... WITH HORI?
I COULD NEVER...
OH, OKAY.

THEN YOU COULDN'T HANDLE HER, MIZOUCHI-KUN.

AH HA HA HA!

ZAWA (MURMUR)

ざわ

ZAWA

ざわ

WHA —!?

OH, MIYAMURA!

GASHI (GRAB)

SERI-OUSLY! YOU'RE SUCH A DOOF—

TSUKA (TROMP)

TSUKA

TSUKA

TSUKA

YOU FIND YOUR PHONE?

THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN IF YOU'D QUIT PUTTING IT DOWN ALL OVER THE PLACE.

CAN IT, BITCH!

YOU JUST KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

MOVE IT!
DON (BUMP)

!?

HO—

LEAVE HER ALONE, MIZOUCHI-KUN.
OH...
UH...

OKAY...

MIYAMURA ...

GUSU (SNIFFLE)

YEAH, NO... THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT DIMENSION.

GU (GRIT)

I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE KIND OF GUY WHO NEVER REALLY SPOKE UP. I SORT OF SOLD YOU SHORT...

I GUESS YOU'RE PRETTY BOLD WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND, HUH?

HEY... WHAT'S UP? YOUR EYES ARE ALL RED.

DID YOU RUB THEM OR SOMETHING?

YOU BET.

KURU (TURN)

GYULI (CINCH)

WHEW!

OKAY!

THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM.

WHEN I SAID I WAS GETTING MY BOOKS TOGETHER, MOM SAID TO PUT SOUTA'S OUT TOO.

YEARBOOK

ARE THESE MANGA MAGAZINES YOURS TOO?

PON ぽん

PON (PAT) ぽん

THOSE ARE SOUTA'S!!!

I FORGOT TOMORROW WAS COLLECTION DAY.

THANKS FOR HELPING OUT.

HUP...

DOKI (BADUM) ドキ

DOKI ドキ

HORI-SAN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

OH, RIGHT. FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THAT ONE IS.

HEY, A YEARBOOK.

SU (SHP) ス

PAN (PAT) ぱん

PAN ぱん

.....

NIKO (SMILE) ニコッ

GIVE IT HERE.

IF YOU LOOK, I'LL CRUSH YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM.

THEY'RE BIG AND KIND OF IN THE WAY...

...BUT I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO THROW THEM OUT.

HMM...

ALL YEAR-BOOKS ARE BIG AND HEAVY, HUH?

WELL, YEAH. THERE'S A WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR'S WORTH OF EVERYONE IN THERE.

YEARBOOK

YE

SURU (STROKE)

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIYA-MURA?

DID YOU TOSS YOURS ALREADY?

NO, I'VE STILL GOT MINE.

THEY WERE BIG AND HEAVY...

...AND I HAD NO CLUE WHAT TO DO WITH THEM.

I DID WANT TO GET RID OF THEM.

IN THE END THOUGH, I HUNG ON TO THEM.

YEARBOOK

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I GUESS THEY REALLY WERE...

...IMPORTANT TO ME.

HEY!

ALTHOUGH... I KINDA DON'T REMEMBER WHERE I PUT 'EM...

...MIYAMURA MUST HAVE HAD SOMETHING HE WANTED TO THROW AWAY.

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THEY SHOULD BE ON THE BOOKSHELF... HUH? WAIT, HUH...?

A LONG TIME AGO...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS LIKE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

IT'S JUST A HUNCH, BUT I THINK...

...HE MIGHT'VE BEEN SICK OF EVERY-THING...

...AND GOTTEN SWEPT ALONG A LOT.

BUT NOW...

HE'S ABLE TO SAY HE'S GLAD HE KEPT THEM.

I HOPE THEY GOT SOME OF US WITH MIZOUCHI-KUN TOO.

HUH? WHY MIZOUCHI?

WE GOT A LITTLE CLOSER THE OTHER DAY (I THINK).

I WONDER WHAT KATAGIRI'S YEARBOOK WILL BE LIKE.

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE, RIGHT?

THEY TOOK THE ACTUAL PHOTOS BACK IN APRIL, BUT...

HE HELPED ME LOOK FOR MY PHONE.

AND THEN I ACCIDENTALLY BROKE IT.

I THINK MIZOUCHI-KUN SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THAT. HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR BODY HEAT FROM MINE.

TSUUUN (COLD)

SEE CH. 50

YOU WERE KINDA SNIPPY WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HIM BEFORE. WHAT CHANGED?

HUH!?

TANIHARA-KUN TOO... I THINK WE MIGHT ACTUALLY GET ALONG PRETTY WELL.

HE WAS MEAN TO YOU AND "AH-HA-HA"...?

IS THIS GUY A MASO-CHIST?

DOUBTS

AH HA HA.

HE WAS A LITTLE MEAN TO ME, BUT IT SORTA...

IT MIGHT BE REALLY HARD, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE IN THE WORLD YOU CAN'T BE FRIENDS WITH.

IF NOT NOW, THEN SOMEDAY...

HORIMIYA

RABBITS

MIIIN (REEEE)

MIN

MIIIN

MIN

GU (SQUEEZE)

JI (BZZ)

MIIIN

MIIIN

MIIIN

MIN

MIN

MIN

MIIIN (REEEE)

MIN

MIN

MIIIN

I HAD...

...THIS DREAM.

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PARA (FLIP)
ぱら

ちゅ
CHUUU (SUCK)

AND YEAH, THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT WHERE AM I?

I'M MAKIO TANIHARA.

GICCHIRI (SQUISH)
ぎっちり…

IT'S CRAMPED. SUPER-CRAMPED. THIS IS NUTS...

MOZO
もぞ

MOZO (SQUIRM)
もぞもぞ

GAAA (GROWL)

YO, MIYAMURA, GET OUT!

THERE'S NO ROOM IN HERE!!

GET OUT WHERE?

KYOTON (BLANK)

OUT! OUTSIDE!!

THIS IS CRAZY! TWO PEOPLE IN A LITTLE SPACE LIKE THIS!!?

WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY!?

OUTSIDE.

HUH?

WE'RE OUTSIDE.

THE ONLY FREE SPACE THERE IS.

チュー CHUUU (SUCK)

THIS IS "OUTSIDE."

PARA (FLIP)

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KUWA (ROAR)

LIKE HELL IT IS!! THIS IS LIKE A LOCKER! THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS OUTSIDE!!

A LOCKER.

...THAT'S WHAT "OUTSIDE" IS LIKE.

YOU WERE ALWAYS ON THE INSIDE, TANIHARA-KUN, SO YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT IT UP.

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE "INSIDE-OUTSIDE" CRAP?

YOU KNOW, THIS MIGHT BE A FIRST.

I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER REALLY TALKED BEFORE.

DO YOU HATE TIGHT SPACES?

HUH.

I HATE THEM TOO.

ZURU (SLIDE)

ズル……

YEAH, I DO!

PARA (FLIP)

ぱら

IS "INSIDE" FUN?

...YEAH. BETTER'N HERE.

EVEN IF NO ONE ELSE IS THERE?

IF ALL THE OTHER "INSIDE" PEOPLE CAME "OUTSIDE"...

...YOU'D BE ALL ALONE, TANIHARA-KUN.

THAT'S ...

WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT ISN'T WHETHER YOU'RE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE.

IT'S WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE PEOPLE THERE WITH YOU.

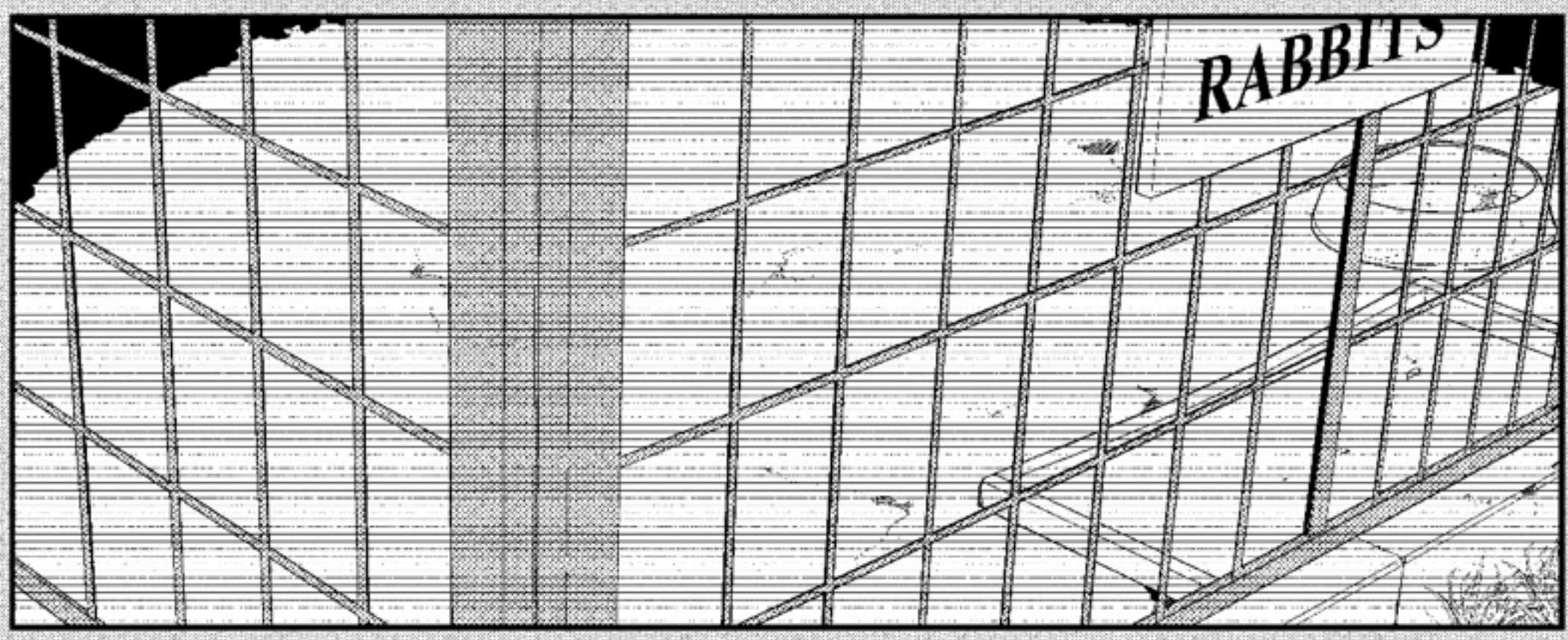
THAT'S ALL.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU'VE GOT ALLIES.

I...

UH...

HA (GASP)


RABBITS

I FORGOT... TO FEED THEM...
...EVEN THOUGH I WAS IN CHARGE.

THE ONE WHO BLAMED YOU, MIYAMURA...

...WAS ME.

THE RAB-BITS ...

OVER SUMMER VACATION... WHEN IT ENDED, THEY WERE DEAD, REMEMBER?

HUH.

IT WAS ALL ME.

MIYAMURA, LISTEN...

...I, UH...

...I...

Huh? Miyamura's number?

Are you up to some-thing fun?

.....

NEVER MIND WHY. JUST TELL ME.

Well, yeah, I know it. Why?

EVERYONE HAD TO HAVE KNOWN THEY LIKED MIYAMURA BEST...

...THE RABBITS ...

Say what?

Rabbits? What about rabbits?

MAN, SHUT UP. JUST HURRY UP AND GIMME THAT NUMBER!!

MIYA-MURAAA!

WANNA COME OVER TODAY?

OH.

I WAS THINKING I'D MAKE BEEF STEW. I HAVEN'T MADE IT IN A WHILE.

I GUESS I WON'T HAVE TO BUY EXTRA INGREDIENTS, THEN.

HUH!?

GAYA

I NEED TO HELP OUT AT THE SHOP, SO I DON'T THINK I CAN.

GAYA (GAB)

伊織-IORI

THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, OKAY!?

I'LL EVEN MAKE IT CREAM STEW IF YOU WANT.

BYE!

I'LL FIX IT FOR YOU, SO GO WORK HARD AT THE STORE.

THE KIND WITH BIG POTATOES ...?

Next time... I...come over...will you...?

HORO

HORO (WEEP)

CLOSE

KATAN (CLATTER)

SURE.

IZUMI, BRING THE SIGN IN FROM THE SIDEWALK.

YES, I'M SORRY. WE'LL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, SO PLEASE COME BY AGAIN...

ARE YOU DONE FOR TODAY?

TOMOR-ROW'S OUR OFF DAY...

PATAN (PT UNK)

ZAAAAA (RUSTLE)

...THE DAY AF—

SE

KASA (SHFF)

...IF YOU...

HUH? UM...

REALLY?

ANYWAY... THAT'S FINE. THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, RIGHT?

I'LL DROP BY AGAIN THEN.

...TURN THAT CORNER, THEN GO STRAIGHT, THERE'S A PRETTY BIG CAKE SHOP. THEY SHOULD STILL BE O—

I WANT THE ONES YOU SELL.

YES, IT IS.

YOUR CHEESECAKE'S S'POSED TO BE GOOD, ISN'T IT?

OH!

KURU (TURN)

WELL... I'LL COME BACK LATER.

'KAY.

THE FRUIT TART.

THAT'S GOOD...

...TOO.

TWO OF EACH...

...THEN... THAT TOO.

TWO OF EACH.

OKAY.

THAT WAS REALLY EASY.

HUH. HOW ABOUT THAT?

YOU WOULDN'T TALK TO ME AT ALL.

...IT WAS 'COS THE CLASSROOM WAS TOO BIG...

YOU WOULDN'T EVEN LOOK ME IN THE EYE, BUT I BET...

...'COS THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE...

HEY, YOUR PHONE...

SURE.

...OKAY, I'LL BE BACK.

MY PHONE?

IT'S BROKEN RIGHT NOW.

I'M SENDING IT OUT TO BE FIXED TOMORROW.

OH... HUH...

PHEW...

WAS THAT ALL?

I THOUGHT HE WAS IGNORING M—

HA (GASP)

HUH?

WERE YOU WORRIED?

HEY, I WAS THE ONE...

...WHO IGNORED HIM.

UH, NOTH-IN'.

NEVER MIND.

SEE YA.

PA (FWIP)

TANIHARA-KUN.

THANKS...

...FOR COMING.

ZAKU
#117

SO...

...WHY'D I HATE MIYAMURA ANYWAY?

ZAKU (CRUNCH)
#117

ZAKU
#117

ZAKU
#117

ZAKU
#117

.....

...THERE WASN'T ANY REAL REASON.

IF I CAN'T REMEMBER, I GUESS...

"I'M SORRY."

WHAT IF I'D BEEN ABLE TO SAY IT THAT DAY?

IT'S TOO LATE NOW, BUT THE THOUGHT MADE MY HEART HURT.

HORIMIYA

MIYA-
MURAAA!

PATA
(PAD)
パ
PATA
パ
PATA
パ
PATA
パ

MIYA-
MURAAA!

HORI-SAN.

WANT TO BREAK UP?

GO (WHOOM)

WHOA!! ONEE-CHAN, YOU FELL OUT OF BED!

THAT'S FUNNY!

GACHA (KACHAK)

HA (GASP)

CHUN (CHIRP)

CHUN

CHUN

.....

SOUTA, WAS THAT A DREAM?

?

PROB-ABLY.

MUKURI (SIT)

AH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

OF COURSE IT WAS!! IT WAS TOTALLY A DREAM!!

GURI (RUFFLE)

GURI

?

AH HA HA HA HA!

DARA (SWEAT)

DARA

DARA

ONEE-CHAN, YOU'RE REALLY SWEATY.

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MORNIN', HORI!

HUH? WHERE'S MIYA-MURA?

KYORO キョロ

KYORO (LOOK) キョロ

HE'S NOT HERE YET.

WASN'T HE WITH YOU?

ZUUUN (GLOOM) ズーン

GOOD MORN-ING...

ARE YOU OKAY? YOUR EYES ARE HALF-SHUT.

URK!

OH!

MIYAMURA, G'MORNING.

PA (FWIP) ぱっ

AH HA HA...

GARARA (SLIDE) ｶﾗﾗ

MAYBE IT'S 'COS I WAS TOO EARLY TODAY?

I'M, UH... I'M GONNA GO RETURN IURA-KUN'S BOOK.

LISTEN, ON THE WAY HOME TODAY, WE...

KURU (TURN)

G-GOOD MORNING.

"URK" !?

ぱたん

PATAN (SHUT)

...

...

I DUNNO, BUT HE WOULDN'T BE ALL FIDGETY IF NOTHING WAS WRONG, RIGHT?

DID I DO SOME-THING?

MIYAMURA WENT TO RETURN A BOOK, BUT HIS HANDS WERE EMPTY.

KIIIN (DIIING)
キーン
KOOON (DOOONG)
コーン
I DON'T REMEMBER DOING ANYTHING, BUT...
I'M HUNGRY. I'M HITTING THE SCHOOL STORE.
.....
I'M GOING TO SEE PRESIDENT SENGOKU.
MIYA-MURA.
SU (PASS) SU SU
スススッ...
OH! ISHIKAWA-KUN!
MIYA-MURA!
PA (FWIP)
ぱっ
.....
.....
MI-MIYAMURA...

HEY, TOORU, GO ASK REAL CASUAL, LIKE.

IT LOOKS MORE LIKE MIYAMURA'S JUST AVOIDING HER.

MAYBE THEY HAD A FIGHT?

DID YOU GUYS BREAK UP?

HORI.

CA-SUAL ...

スパッ

SUPA (BLUNT)

BUT YOU TOLD ME TO GO AS— **GAAACK!**

UNCLE! UNCLE!

GIRI (TIGHT)

GIRI

GIRI

GIRI

GOSU

GOSU

GOSU (WHUNK)

... **GYAAH!! GYAAA-AAAAH!**

YOU MEAN HE'S KINDA LOW? MAYBE HE'S NOT FEELING GOOD.

MIYAMURA.

THAT'S IT! MIYAMURA'S WEIRD!!

N-NO, WE DIDN'T. IT'S JUST... YOU KNOW! MIYAMURA'S BEING WEIRD.

PUI (FWIP)

MAN, I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE.

HFF!

HFF!

HUH? YOU DIDN'T ...?

BA (WHAP)

OH. IT'S MIYAMURA.

AH HA HA HA!

!!!

HE'S WITH YANAGI-KUN.

I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT.

HE'S LAUGHING...

WANT TO BREAK UP?

.....

WE'RE TOO FAR. I CAN'T TELL WHAT HE'S SAYING FROM HERE.

HE LOOKS PRETTY CHEER-FUL.

?

MIYAMURA.

HUH?

LET'S GO HOME TOGETH-ER.

PATA (PAD) PATA

I, UH... I'VE GOT SOMETHING TODAY... SORRY.

S-"SOMETHING"? WHEN WILL IT BE OVER? DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE BUSY TODAY?

"BUSY" ..... YEAH, SORT OF.

UH-HUH.

OH. UM...

UM ...

UMM...

I'M MAKING STEW TODAY, SO IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU CAME OVER. IT'S OKAY IF YOU'RE LATE.

PATA (PAD)

PATA

PATA

HMM...

GIMME SEC-ONDS.

THERE ISN'T ANY MORE FOR YOU, KYOUSUKE.

SAY WHAT!?

MIYAMURA-KUN AIN'T COMING.

KYOUKO, IF YOU TAKE A BATH, WARM IT UP, ALL RIGHT?

MM.

DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE.

MM.

KACHI (TICK)

I DIDN'T MAKE ANY FOR ME TO BEGIN WITH.

YOU HATE STEW, RIGHT, KYOUKO? YOUR DAD WILL EAT YOURS FOR YOU.

FOR REAL!?

HUH!?

KACHI

KACHI

PATAN (SHUT)

KACHI

...

"... BREAK UP..."

ヒ!!

BIKU
(JUMP)

PIRORIIIN
(JINGLE)

WHAT IF IT'S SOMETHING WEIRD?

PI
(BIP)

.....

IT'S MIYA-MURA!

KAPA
(FLIP)

New Message

From: Miyamura
Sub: This is really hard to say, but...

!!!

ドドドド

DOBAAAA (COLD SWEAT)

あお

UH...

HUH ...?

HETARI (SLUMP)

へたり...

I CAN'T GET UP.

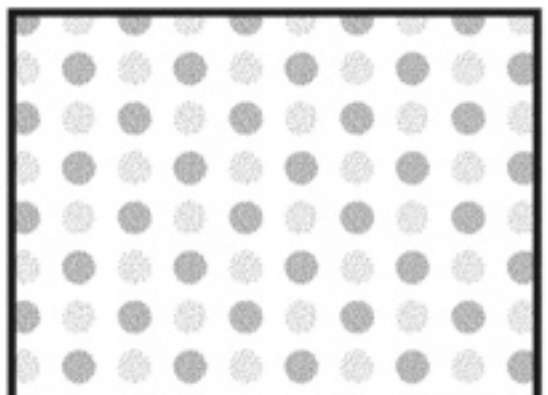
WHAT IS THIS? I CAN'T GET BACK UP...

THE REST! MUST READ ...

...THE REST...

KAKO (KTAK)

カコ...



New Message

From: Miyamura
Sub: This is really hard to say, but...

I'm in front of your house right now.
Are you still awake?

If you're asleep, it's okay.

WAAAH!

KAKO カコ KAKO カコ KAKO カコ KAKO カコ KAKO カコ KAKO カコ KAKO カコ KAKO カコ

SENDING PRETTY MUCH THAT EXACT MESSAGE

WHY IS THAT REALLY HARD TO SAY!?

IT'S UNLOCKED! JUST COME IN!!

G—

パタ-
PATAN (SHUT)

GOOD EVENING ...

SHIIIN (SILENT)

I'M SORRY I'M LATE.

'TIS WELL... I'M THE ONE WHO SAID YOU COULD COME LATE ANYWAY.

RIGHT ...

.....

KOTO
コト

KOTO
コト

KOTO (BURBLE)
コト

THERE'S STEW.

KATAN (CLATTER)
カタン

OH!

OH, I-I'D LOVE SOME.

AH! DON'T... I'LL GET IT MYSELF.

MAYBE I REALLY DID DO SOMETHING WRONG.

UM...

MIYA-MURA ...

... MIYA-MURA.

LOOK AT ME...

I WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU TELL ME.

DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME?

HUH...!? WAIT, WHAT!?

YOU ALREADY KNEW?

"WANT TO BREAK UP?"

YOU SAID WE WERE BREAKING UP, MIYAMURA.

ぽろ PORO (DRIP)

ぽろ PORO

PORO ぽろ

OW! H-HOT! HOT!! HUH!? WHAT!? WHAT'S WRONG!?

HUH? HUNH!? AUUUGH! HOT! HOTTT!!

WHAT!? WHY ARE YOU CRYING!!?

WAAAUGH!!

BORO (WEEP)

GABA (JOLT)

ガバッ

GYO (SHOCK)

ビクッ

GYO

HUH?

UH-HUH ...

SOMETIMES GOES ON THE FRITZ

? ? ?

(I ABSOLUTELY DIDN'T SAY IT, AND I THINK YOU GOT THE WRONG IDEA SOMEHOW, BUT) I'M SORRY.

...SO WHAT DID I ALREADY KNOW?

GUI (RUB)

HUH!? WAIT, YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

WELL, UM... IT'S THIS...

GOSO (DIG)

GOSO

SU (SWF)

HERE.

I WASN'T SURE IF I SHOULD GIVE IT TO YOU OR NOT.

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S A CELL PHONE STRAP.

A STRAP ...?

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, YOU WERE READING A MAGAZINE HERE...

...AND YOU SAID, "I WANT THIS! IT'S CUTE!" REMEMBER?

NOT SURE. IT'S A THING YOU PUT ON YOUR PHONE.

WHAT IS?

HORI-SAN, WHEN YOU BUY STRAPS, YOU TAKE THEM OFF RIGHT AWAY.

I WANT THIS! IT'S CUTE!

KIRA

KIRA (SPARKLE)

Latest Issue
MUST-HAVES FROM ALL THE SECRET SHOPS!

WHERE? WHICH ONE'S CUTE?

WELL, YEAH, BUT...

IS YELLOW NO GOOD?

I CHECKED OTHER STORES TODAY, BUT I COULDN'T TRACK DOWN A RED ONE.

I LOOKED AROUND, BUT I ONLY FOUND YELLOW ONES.

"THIS RED ONE!"

AND IT GOT LATE BEFORE I KNEW IT...

DON (WHUMP)

DO YOU LIKE IT? WAS THIS ONE OKAY?

.....

UH, OKAY, THEN ...

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEANT BY "BREAKING UP," BUT...

'TIS WELL.

GURI

GURI

ALL IS WELL NOW.

?

GURI (NUZZLE)

GURI

GURI

GURI

HORI-SAN?

CAN I HAVE SOME STEW? I'M HUNGRY.

GU (STRETCH) GU GU

YOU NEEDN'T UNDER-STAND, PEON!

VERY WELL!!

I ALSO DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE CRYING...

KOKUN (NOD)

ALL'S WELL.

"ALL IS WELL"?

I'M SORRY.

I'M NOT CRYING.

MUGYUUUU (CLING) むぎゅ

HOKO (STEAM) ほこ

HOKO ほこ

ラ ラ ラ

TE (TMP) TE TE ンンンっ

OKAY, SURE.

WHAT? I WANT TO ENJOY IT, SO BEAR WITH IT A LITTLE, ALL RIGHT?

NO WAY.

HUH!?

IT REEKS OF STEW IN HERE. HURRY UP AND FINISH IT ALREADY, PLEASE.

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To Be Continued...

BONUS MANGA: MYAMURA ⑦

...A MIRACLE OCCURRED ...!!

I-IN MY DREAM...

ぴょ
PYOKON (TOINK)

にゃん

PRESSURE 圧力
GIRA (GLARE)
KOOOOO (DOOM)
ゴオオオオ

BUT THE MALES AREN'T EVEN TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO HER!!

FUYO (FLICK)
ふよ
FUYO
ふよ

WHOA...

A FEMALE... IT'S A FEMALE!

WORRYWART

IS SHE A MEDIUM?

HUH...? WHAT DO I DO WITH A FEMALE? CAN I JUST LET HER DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS?

ANOTHER DAY

OH-HOH... THEY'RE TALKING.

CHOKON (HUDDLE) ちょこん

-PHEW.

LET ME SIT DOWN.

SO SHE WANTS ATTENTION FROM MYAMURA...

THAT'S JUST TOO CUTE.

I CAN'T READ MY BOOK.

HM?

YOJI (SQUIRM) よじ

YOJI よじ

くあ〜
KUAAA CYAAAWN

JI (STARE)
SUUU (ZZZ)

GUU (SNORE)

I'M TIRED. I'M GONNA TAKE A NAP.
HEY, MOVE YOUR LEGS.
PEN (SMACK)

FUUU (HISS)
FUUU
CALM DOWN!!

OOF!
BITAAAN (FWUMP)
ヒロ

TE (TMP) ZZZ— TE TE

LISTEN UP. I'M GONNA TAKE A NAP, SO DON'T BOTHER ME!

WELCOME BACK.

GYUU (HUG)

ZURU (DRAG)

ZURU

ZURU

URGH...

MEEEW, MEW, MEEEW, MEEEW, MEEEW...

COMPRO-MISE

B-BATHROOM...

AGH...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, HUH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

ZURU

KATAN (CLATTER)

SUKU (SHUP)

YET ANOTHER DAY

SHE JUST WANTS ATTENTION. SHE DOESN'T CARE WHO IT'S FROM...

LET HIM GO TO THE BATHROOM.

???

AWW...

(LARGE)

DON (BAM)

HUH? I DUNNO.

TOORU, WHERE ARE THOSE TWO?

HMPH.

WHAT HAPPENED? THE "CUTE" IS JUST... GONE...

HEARTFELT THOUGHT

THIS IS A DREAM, SO WHY CAN'T I MAKE A GOOD MEMORY OR TWO?

KYORO きょろ

PIRI ピリ

PIRI (PRICKLE) ピリ

KYORO (LOOK) きょろ

THE GIRL I USED TO LIKE HAS CAT EARS, AND WE'RE ALL ALONE...SO WHAT'S WITH THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE?

DRIED SARDINE

SU (SWF) ス…

I'M NOT THINKING THAT.

TALK ABOUT A BAD ATTI-TUDE!!

WHAT GIVES!? YOU'D BETTER NOT BE THINKING I'M A NUISANCE OR ANYTHING!

CON-TRARY MUCH?

I-IF YOU'RE GIVING IT AWAY, I'LL TAKE IT! I MEAN, SOMEBODY HAS TO! HMPH!

GACHA (KACHAK) ガチャ

... WANT IT?

PURAAAN (DANGLE) ぷらーん

PIIIN (PRICK)

LET'S PLAY.

(MEDIUM)

(SMALL)

OWNER

LARGE, MEDIUM, AND SMALL. THAT'S A GOOD BALANCE.

GOOD, VERY GOOD.

WHAT GAME...? HUH? WHAT'S THAT?

A GAME!!

WHAT ARE WE PLAYING?

WELL, KYOU-CHAN, YOU...

YOU ALWAYS DO STUFF THAT'S UNCALLED FOR!!

I TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T!

GYAAA (BICKER)

GYAAA

...

THAT'S QUITE A FIGHT.

KA (ROAR)

HEY! SEN-GOKU!!

YOU'D BETTER NOT HAVE SAID SOMETHING WEIRD TO MIYAMURA!!

OUCH !!!

SUPAN (WHAP)

OW!!

SUPAN

HUH?

THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN...

ISHI-KAWA IS TOUGH ...!?

!?

.....

SORRY...

THAT'S BETTER.

POKAAAN (STUNNED)

NO FIGHT-ING.

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Translation Notes

Page 9 – "I want to become a shell..."
Sengoku is greatly exaggerating the misery of his conscription and forced labor. This is a famous line from a semi-autobiographical book by Tetsutarou Katou about a barber who was drafted into Japan's military during World War II, released from the army after the war, and then arrested as a war criminal for wounding an Allied soldier—his superior had ordered him to execute the soldier, but he couldn't bring himself to do it—and given the death penalty. In his will, the man writes, "I never want to be born as a human again. If I'm reborn, I want to become a shell at the bottom of the deep ocean."

Page 39 – Clapping
Traditionally, you clap your hands together before praying at Shinto shrines. If the teacher feels this is an urgent request or that she's asking a lot, she may be mimicking this gesture to show how much she means it.

Page 77 – *Gakuran*
A very common type of boys' school uniform in Japan. It's usually an all-black top and bottom, with buttons up the front of the jacket and a high collar. They're generally believed to have been modeled on Prussian military academy uniforms.

Page 87 – *Enka*
A type of Japanese folk music. It's described as "sentimental ballad music" and is considered to be closer to traditional Japanese music than most other genres. It isn't terribly popular with high schoolers.

Page 89 – Corn soup
A typical "hot" vending machine offering in Japan. When sold as a beverage, it's usually creamy, smooth, and very lightly seasoned, and it's treated a bit like hot chocolate.

Page 140 – Tapirs
The animals walking around Hori are Malayan tapirs. Tapirs in general are viewed as being connected to supernatural entities from Chinese folklore called *baku*, which were believed to eat nightmares. Because actual tapirs match the physical description of the mythical *baku* to some extent, they were named after them, and the same kanji character is used for the names of both creatures.

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ON SALE
OCTOBER
2017!

DON'T GIMME "EH-HEH-HEH."
UH... WELL, UM... EH-HEH-HEH!
SO WHAT'S WITH THE GLASSES?

I'M GONNA THROW "PAPER," ALL RIGHT?

SCISSORS

PEACE

I WANT TO SEE THAT PEACE SIGN AGAIN.

UM, TANIHARA-KUN...

...WANNA PLAY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS?

SURE, I GUESS.

HA (GASP)

はっ

HUNH? WHAT'RE YOU—

ROCK! PAPER! SCISSORS!

HUH!?

PA (FWIP)

ぱっ

MIYAMURA WON ALL THREE ROUNDS.

...IN MY VOCAB-ULARY.

THE WORD "DEFEAT" IS NOT...

GO (THOOM)

GO

GO

GO

GO

DOES HE MEAN "IF I LOSE, YOU KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN, RIGHT?" ...!!?

POWER HIERARCHY

MIYA-MURA

KYOUKO-SAN

ME

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HORIMIYA

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